

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03566-CKK**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
 JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/26/2019  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/26/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6596962) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Orfanelles, Paul) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanelles, Paul) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/27/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zrdj) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrdj)

		(Entered: 11/27/2019)
12/02/2019	<u>4</u>	ORDER STABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 12/2/19. (DM) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/12/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/9/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/8/2020.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/9/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 12/9/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 12/12/2019)
12/26/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Andrew Freidah on behalf of All Defendants (Freidah, Andrew) (Entered: 12/26/2019)
01/08/2020	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Freidah, Andrew) (Entered: 01/08/2020)
01/09/2020	<u>8</u>	ORDER requiring the parties to meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report no later than FEBRUARY 7, 2020 proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on January 9, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 01/09/2020)
01/09/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Meet & Confer Statement due by 2/7/2020. (dot) (Entered: 01/10/2020)
01/16/2020	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Eric William Payne Lee on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 01/16/2020)
02/05/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Freidah, Andrew) (Entered: 02/05/2020)
02/06/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, which outlines the current status of Plaintiff's FOIA request. In short, Defendant indicates that it is still reviewing records potentially responsive to three sub-parts of Plaintiff's request. Defendant anticipates making an initial response to the request on or before March 20, 2020 and a final response on or before April 17, 2020. Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS the parties' proposal that they file another joint status report by no later than <b>APRIL 3, 2020</b> updating the Court on the status of this case. The parties shall further file joint status reports every <b>thirty days thereafter</b> unless and until this Court orders otherwise. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on February 6, 2020. (lccck1) (Entered: 02/06/2020)
02/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/3/2020 updating the Court on the status of this case. (dot) (Entered: 02/07/2020)
04/03/2020	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Freidah, Andrew) (Entered: 04/03/2020)
05/04/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Freidah, Andrew) (Entered: 05/04/2020)
06/03/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Freidah, Andrew) (Entered: 06/03/2020)
07/03/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Freidah, Andrew) (Entered: 07/03/2020)